Requirement of MBBS Doctors

3340. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of MBBS doctors required in the country during Eighth Five Year Plan and the number of doctors working in various States at present;

(b) the number of doctors out of them who have joined rural health service;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to fill up the gap between the availability and requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the steps proposed to be taken to ensure adequate availability of doctors in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No such survey has been done. However, the doctor-population ratio for allopathic doctors is about 1:2250 and taking into account the number of qualified practitioners of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy the said ratio comes to 1:950 is considered fairly good in comparison to other developing countries.

(b) As per information available, 26930 doctors were working as on 30.6.1996 in Primary Health Centres in rural areas.

(c) and (d) The Stare/UT Governments have been advised to consider introducing regional decentralised recruitment policy for doctors for filling up vacancies of doctors in rural areas and reserving a certain percentage of post graduate seats for Medical Officers who have put in two to three years service in rural areas.

Construction of Dams

3341. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to monitor the construction of dams in the States by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the modus operandi to be adopted in this regard; and

(c) the time from which the same would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Most of the ongoing approved major and selected medium projects are being monitored by Central Water Commission. The projects are visited at regular intervals by the Officers of Central Water Commission to review programme and progress of various project components. The remedial measures for shortfalls and constraints are suggested. Detailed Project Status Reports highlighting the critical issues needing the attention of State Governments are prepared and sent to all concerned.

Setting up of Private Universities

3342. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the State Ministers was held in February, 1997 to consider the entry of private sector in the setting up of universities;

(b) if so, the names of the States which were represented in the above meeting; and

(c) the salient features of the opinions expressed by the various State Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) A meeting of the State Ministers for Technical and Higher Education was held on 11th February, 1997. The Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 1995, which was introduced in Rajya Sabha on August 25, 1995 along with the Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on the said Bill was discussed. Most of the Ministers were of the opinion that a wider debate is needed on the subject.

2. The list of the States represented is shown in the statement enlcosed.

Statement

List of States which were Represented in the Meeting of Ministers held on February 11, 1997.

S.No.	Name of the State/Union Territory
1	2
STATES	
1.	Assam
2.	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Bihar
5.	Haryana
6.	Himachal Pradesh
7.	Goa
8.	Gujarat
9.	Karnataka
10.	Kerala
11.	Maharashtra
12.	Madhya Pradesh
13.	Manipur
14.	Mizoram